



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2011**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Mayor Leffingwell recessed the Work Session to go into Executive Session at 9:09 a.m.

The Mayor announced that Council would discuss item number B1 on the regular agenda during Executive Session.

Executive Session ended and Mayor Leffingwell called the Work Session back to order at 9:57 a.m.

**COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- B.1 Approve an ordinance ordering an election to be held in the City of Austin on May 12, 2012 to elect the Mayor and three Council members. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Bill Spelman)  
Mayor declared this posted agenda item to be out of order based on rules that were adopted by the City Council on March 2, 2011 concerning Work Sessions. Council Member Spelman moved to appeal the ruling of the Mayor and waive the rules adopted by Council that said, "No citizen participation will be permitted at the Tuesday Work Session." This was seconded by Council Member Morrison.

The substitute motion to allow citizen communication during this work session was approved on Council Member Martinez' motion, Mayor Leffingwell's second on a 7-0 vote.

Council Member Spelman withdrew his motion to appeal the Mayor's ruling that the posted item B.1. was out of order.

**PRE-SELECTED AGENDA ITEMS**

- A.1 Item 65 Approve the waiver of certain fees and requirements under City Code Chapter 14-8 for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Austin Walk event sponsored by NAMI Austin which is to be held on Saturday, October 8, 2011 beginning at Riverside and South 1st St. and ending at the Texas State Capitol.  
The Mayor announced action on this item will occur on Thursday.

**The Mayor introduced the agenda for the October 6, 2011 Council meeting and allowed Council to give input or ask questions on any item posted on the agenda. Staff was available to provide verbal responses to Council questions. Discussion was held on the following items taken from Thursday's agenda.**

80. MP-2011-0003 Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan by adopting the Downtown Austin Plan, directing the City Manager to process code amendments recommended in the Downtown Austin Plan, and initiating re-zonings of properties as recommended in the Downtown Austin Plan. The planning area includes properties bounded approximately by Interstate 35 to the east, the west side of Lamar Blvd. to the west, Lady Bird Lake to the south and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. to the north.
59. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager and the General Manager of Austin Energy to prepare a report that analyzes various strategies for near-term resource, generation and climate protection goals as they relate to Fayette Power Plant and other resources. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member William Spelman CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)
42. Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BUYBOARD) with THE PLAYWELL GROUP, Dallas, TX, for the purchase and installation of playground equipment at the new Roy Guererro Park in an amount not to exceed \$322,229.30.
65. Approve the waiver of certain fees and requirements under City Code Chapter 14-8 for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Austin Walk event sponsored by NAMI Austin which is to be held on Saturday, October 8, 2011 beginning at Riverside and South 1st St. and ending at the Texas State Capitol. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Lee Leffingwell CO 1: Council Member Chris Riley CO 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)
61. Approve a resolution directing the Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Task Force (the "Task Force") to review the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and provide recommendations to the Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee and directing the City Manager to support the Task Force in meeting its responsibilities. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo)

**Mayor Leffingwell adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m. without objection.**

**To see the complete agenda for Thursday's meeting refer to the October 6, 2011 Council Agenda. (For additional information, contact the Office of the City Clerk.)**

**The minutes for the regular meeting of October 4, 2011 were approved on this the 20th day of October 2011 on Council Member Spelman's motion, Council Member Martinez' second on a 6-0 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Cole was absent.**